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WOMEN'S SHELTER INFORMATION SYSTEM

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1997 PROVINCIAL STATISTICAL REPORT

INTRODUCTION

This is the sixth statistical summary report produced from the Women's Shelter Information System (WSIS) introduced January 1,1992. The system contains residential and non-residential data for Alberta Women's Shelters, Rural Family Violence Prevention Centres and Second Stage Housing programs.

What is WSIS?

The Women's Shelter Information System (WSIS) is an automated information system operated by Alberta Family and Social Services. This system allows the department to collect extensive information, on an ongoing basis, from women residing in Alberta's women's shelters. It is the only system of its kind in Canada.

Why was it developed?

The Women's Shelter Information System was developed to create an comprehensive picture of all women's shelter activities in the province of Alberta. Relationships have been fostered with First Nations to provide information and in return receive standardized reporting of shelter activities. Over the next years we hope to increase participation in the Women's Shelter Information system by including all First Nations Women's Shelter programs.

National family violence initiatives and projects have utilized The Provincial Statistical Summaries as supporting information in the development of broad based family violence survey and research initiatives.

The system was also designed to standardize data collection among shelters so information could be more easily compared and interpreted. It allows the department to build on its existing knowledge about the nature and scope of family violence in Alberta. With this information, government, shelters and the community can better identify service needs and provide direction for future policy, program development and research.

Who participates?

Twenty-seven Alberta Family & Social Services funded Women's Shelters (19) , Rural Family Violence Prevention Centres (8), and Second Stage Housing (2) provide information for the WSIS. Federally funded Big Stone Cree Nation Women's Emergency Shelter and the Sucker Creek Women's Emergency Shelter also contribute information to the data base. Big Stone Cree Nation and Sucker Creek Emergency Shelter admissions represent 2.61% of women and 3.72% of children in the provincial report.

What kind of information is collected?

Three forms are used to collect information:

Residential Information

This form is completed as part of the intake procedure when a woman is admitted to a shelter. The form asks questions about client demographics, the location of the shelter, the types of services requested and provided and the referrals made. It also includes questions about the nature of the abuse and by whom the abuse was inflicted.

Women are also asked to describe the type of intervention and assistance they received from other agencies such as the police and child welfare agencies.

As part of the Children's Services Initiative, women are now asked the Regional Authority where they were living at the time of admission to a women's shelter. This information assists in identifying women's shelter utilization patterns across Alberta shelters.

Admitted and Non-Admitted Children's Information

This form is completed as part of the intake procedure when a woman with children or other dependants is admitted to a shelter. One form is completed for each dependant admitted with the mother, and for each non-admitted dependant. The form includes questions about demographic data, child welfare status, the presence or absence of abuse towards dependants, current living arrangements and the nature of support service referrals made by the women's shelter.

Contact Non-Residential Information

This form is completed for each contact made to a shelter. Contacts are made primarily by telephone. The form includes questions about the method of contact, the gender and age of the person making contact, reason for and result of the contact. Information about client demographics, the location of the shelter, the nature of the services requested and provided and referrals made are also recorded.

Information gathered from the above three forms allows the department to maintain comprehensive information about abused women and their children accessing shelters in Alberta. Information gathered from this system has been used across Canada to assist in addressing issues around family violence.

Follow-up and Outreach

During 1997, the contact non-residential form was modified to allow recording of information about services provided to those clients choosing to participate in shelter follow up programs. These programs are geared to providing support after clients leave shelter.

The modified non-residential contact form is also used to record information about support and outreach services provided to those clients who present family violence issues but choose to access services outside the shelter setting.

Information from these forms is generated on monthly reports for each shelter. These reports are not included in the 1997 provincial statistical report, but will be part of the revised WSIS reporting format effective April 1,1998, and will be included in the 1998 provincial statistical report.

What about confidentiality and security?

The system was designed to protect the identity of clients. Anonymity is assured through the use of a unique identifier. The client's name is not recorded. The identifier cannot be linked to any other information the government has about the client.

Clients have the right to refuse to answer any question. Each woman is informed that not providing information will not prejudice the services she or her family receives at the shelter.

The data base is protected by several security mechanisms, including a password to enter the system. Physical access is also restricted by security. Only the Administrator and Program Manager of the Women's Shelter Program have access to the locked offices which house the system.

The women's shelter program is impacted by *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act,* and must meet all the requirements set out in the legislation regarding collection, use and disclosure of personal information.

What happens to the information?

Information from the system is compiled and distributed on a monthly and an annual basis. It is provided in the form of aggregate numbers, percentages and graphs. Data on each shelter is sent to the respective shelter and appropriate regional consultant of Family and Social Services.

The only public report is the Annual Provincial Summary Report which is sent to the Minister of Family and Social Services, the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters (ACWS), Regional Family Violence specialists and individual shelters in Alberta. This report is also available to the public upon request.

Family Violence is one of the program areas under the Child and Family Services Initiative. In 1997, Regional Steering Committees began receiving WSIS statistical summaries on the shelter activities in their Regions. Sharing of this information is essential to the service planning and development process undertaken by each Steering Committee. All Child and Family Services Regional Steering Committees are bound by the same confidentiality rules as Alberta Family & Social Services.

Ad hoc reports may be prepared to address special requests from the ACWS, individual shelters or department of Family and Social Services staff. Shelter specific data is seen only by the individual shelter, Regional Family Violence specialist, District Office Manager and the Program Manager. The department is obliged not to release agency-identifying information outside the department, except for Federal/Provincial cost-sharing purposes.

Data Presentation

Data in this annual statistical report is divided into three sections:

- Residential
- Admitted and Non Admitted Children's Information
- Non-Residential

and is presented in graphs and tables.

Factors influencing family violence service delivery in 1997:

- April 1,1997 - Pincher Creek Shelter opens
- October 1997 - Fire at Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter destroys the facility. The shelter relocated and reopened to serve clients February 1,1998.

SUMMARY OF RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION

From January 1 to December 31,1997 there were 5212 women and 6232 children admitted to Women's Shelters, Rural Family Violence Centres and Second Stage Housing programs in Alberta.
Note that these are the number of admissions and not the number of "unique" women and children served in the year, as some clients return for safe accommodation more than once.

In the following Summaries, percentages less than .5 have been rounded down, and percentages equal to or greater than .5 have been rounded up to the next whole number.

AGE

The average age of admitted women was thirty-one years, with seventy-five percent of admitted women between the ages of twenty and thirty-nine. Eighty-two percent of admitted women identified themselves as battered or victims of sexual assault.

MARITAL STATUS

Twenty-three percent of admitted women were married and a further thirty-eight percent lived in a common-law/live-in relationship. Fifteen percent reported being divorced, separated or living apart from their partner. Single women accounted for twenty two percent of all admissions in 1997.

PERPETRATOR

Women may report being abused by more than one person. Thirty-six percent of admitted women reported abuse by their husband or ex-husband, and a further forty-nine percent reported abuse by their common-law or ex common-law partner. Eight percent reported abuse by a boyfriend or ex-boyfriend, and twenty-two percent of women reported abuse by another family member (son, daughter, mother, father, in-laws).

TYPE OF ABUSE

Women may report more than one type of abuse. Seventy-two percent of women reported being physically abused, eighty-nine percent psychologically abused, thirty-one percent reported abuse or threats of abuse to children, thirty-one percent reported destruction of property or pets, twenty-nine percent reported sexual abuse and fifty-seven percent of women reported financial abuse.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Women may access more than one service when in shelter. The services most frequently provided to women and children were: referral (100%), information (94%), emotional support (92%), donations of furniture, clothing and household items (77%) and transportation (55%). The three most asked for services that were not available in all shelters were Life Skills Training, VON or other nursing services and women's groups.

REFERRALS PROVIDED

Women may be referred to more than one service throughout their stay at shelter. The most frequent referrals were to Social Allowance (SFI) 1763, individual counselling for women 1509, medical services 1406 and counselling groups for women 1403. Shelter workers indicated that the three most requested services not accessible in all communities were counselling groups for women, individual counselling for women and second stage housing.

DEPARTURE STATUS

Nineteen percent of women leaving shelters, rural centres and second stage housing said they were going to live on their own, ten percent returned home without their spouse, and ten percent of women moved into either another shelter or a second stage housing project. Twenty-three percent went to live with friends or relatives and thirteen percent returned to their spouses.

SUMMARY OF NON-RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Shelters, Rural Family Violence Prevention Centres and Second Stage Housing programs provide non-residential services such as crisis intervention, referral and information to women, men, children, teens and elder Albertans.

METHOD OF CONTACT

The total non-residential contacts for all shelters, rural centres and second stage houses was 71,332, an increase of 5,666 over the 65,666 recorded in 1996. Sixty-six percent of these contacts were made by persons telephoning shelters and sixteen percent were in person contacts.

There are a number of factors that may contribute to the increase in total non-residential contacts. Public education and awareness of family violence issues is increasing across the province. Shelters have become a well known source of information and referral, both for citizens and professionals who work with clients presenting family violence issues. In some communities, shelters share facilities and crisis services with other service providers, and in a growing number of shelters outreach and follow-up programs are being implemented to offer potential or former clients additional family violence service options.

SOURCE OF CONTACT

Ninety-one percent of contacts were made by females, nine percent were made by males. Three percent of the contacts were from children under eleven years, two percent were from teens twelve to seventeen, ninety-one percent were from adults eighteen to sixty-four , two percent were from persons sixty-five plus. In the remainder of contacts, the age was unknown.

PURPOSE OF CONTACT

Callers may present more than one reason for contact. Fifty-one percent identified themselves as abused. Sixty-seven percent requested emotional support, eighty-three percent requested information and fifty-three percent requested a referral to another service. Thirty-one percent of contacts were made by a third party.

RESULT OF CONTACT

Thirty-four percent of non-residential contacts were in need of accommodation. Of those in need of accommodation, twenty-five percent were admitted into the program they contacted and six percent were admitted to another shelter program. Fifty-three percent were not accommodated because the shelter facility was full and sixteen percent of clients were referred to Alberta Family and Social Services for assistance with accommodation. Six percent of contacts were not appropriate for admission to the women's shelter program.

Sixty-four percent of non-residential contacts requested services and referrals other than admission to a women's shelter. Callers are likely to receive numerous referrals to services, based on their presenting needs and local service availability.

There are a number of factors that contribute to the increased number of Albertans contacting shelters in Alberta. The first Alberta shelter opened in Calgary in the early 1970s. Since that time shelters have become well established in many communities, and public awareness of the services provided has increased. Citizens and professionals have come to recognize shelters as valuable sources of support and referral as well as safe accommodation for those who are abused.

Public awareness of the dynamics of Family Violence has also been heightened through the efforts of other community based programs and services. This has been especially true in the area of effects on children who witness violence in their families, and also through the collaborative process of linking resources which support families to break the cycle, and remain free of violence.

Media coverage of incidents of family violence has also made the community sensitive to the severity of abuse and the tragic outcomes for victims and their families. There is consensus among researchers and service providers that danger to women and children increases during and after separation from abusive spouses. Risk Assessment and Risk Management strategies, including identifying client safety concerns and discussing the safety planning process is standard practise among service providers whose clients present issues of family violence.

SUMMARY OF ADMITTED AND NON-ADMITTED CHILDREN'S INFORMATION

AGE

The total number of children admitted was 6,232 and the average age of children admitted was six years, although thirty-seven percent of children were between the ages of one to four. Ninety-eight percent of children were admitted with their mothers, two percent were admitted after their mothers.

3478 children were not admitted during their mother's stay at shelters, rural centres, and second stage programs. Of the non-admitted dependent children, forty-one percent were residing with extended family members and friends. Twenty-one percent lived in residential placement or treatment centres. Three percent were living independently or at home unsupervised, and twenty-eight percent were at home in the partner's care.

CHILD ABUSE

More than one type of child abuse may be reported. Of the admitted children, mothers reported sixty-eight percent were psychologically abused, sixteen percent were physically abused, four percent were sexually abused, and fourteen percent suffered neglect.

CHILD WELFARE STATUS

Thirteen percent of admitted children were identified by their mothers as under Child Welfare Investigation, or having Child Welfare status. Thirteen percent of admitted children were referred to Child Welfare and fifteen percent of admitted children were referred to community support, assessment and counselling programs.

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Age of admitted woman.

Average: 31

Range: 13 to 82

Total admitted clients: 5212

Frequencies:

Response	Number	% Admit
Age >= 65	31	0.6
Age 55 to 64	73	1.4
Age 40 to 54	768	14.7
Age 20 to 39	3924	75.3
Age 16 to 19	405	7.8
Age <= 15	9	0.2
No response	2	0.0

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Type of admission.

Total admitted clients: 5212

Frequencies:

Response	Number	% Admit
Battered woman with children	2842	54.5
Battered woman without children	1398	26.8
Victim of sexual assault	51	1.0
Woman awaiting hospital admission or other specialized	64	1.2
Woman having problems with parents, family or spouse	384	7.4
Transient woman	192	3.7
Other woman needing accommodation away from home	262	5.0
Total	5193	

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE

Type of Admission

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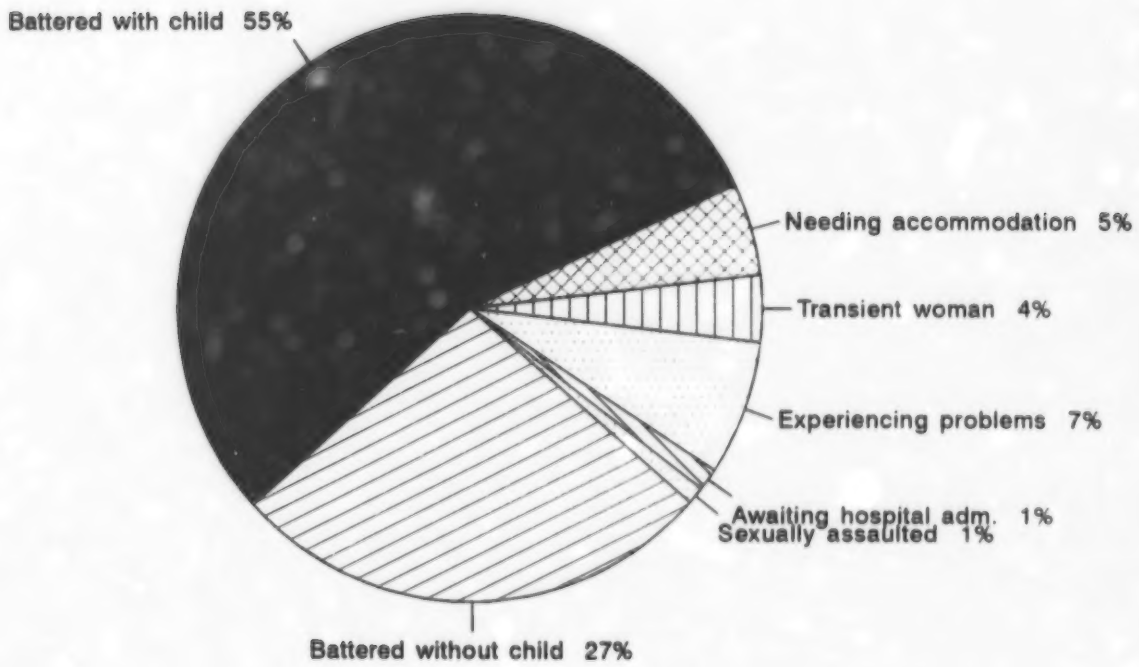

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PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Referral source.
Note: Client may select multiple sources.

Total admitted clients: 5212

Frequencies:

Response	Number
Self	2867
Social services	377
Community agency	366
Other shelter	541
Medical (doctor, hospital)	206
Police	585
Friend/relative	678
School system	41
Shelter staff	241
Church	22
Reserve	144
Other	419
Total	6487

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE

Referral Source

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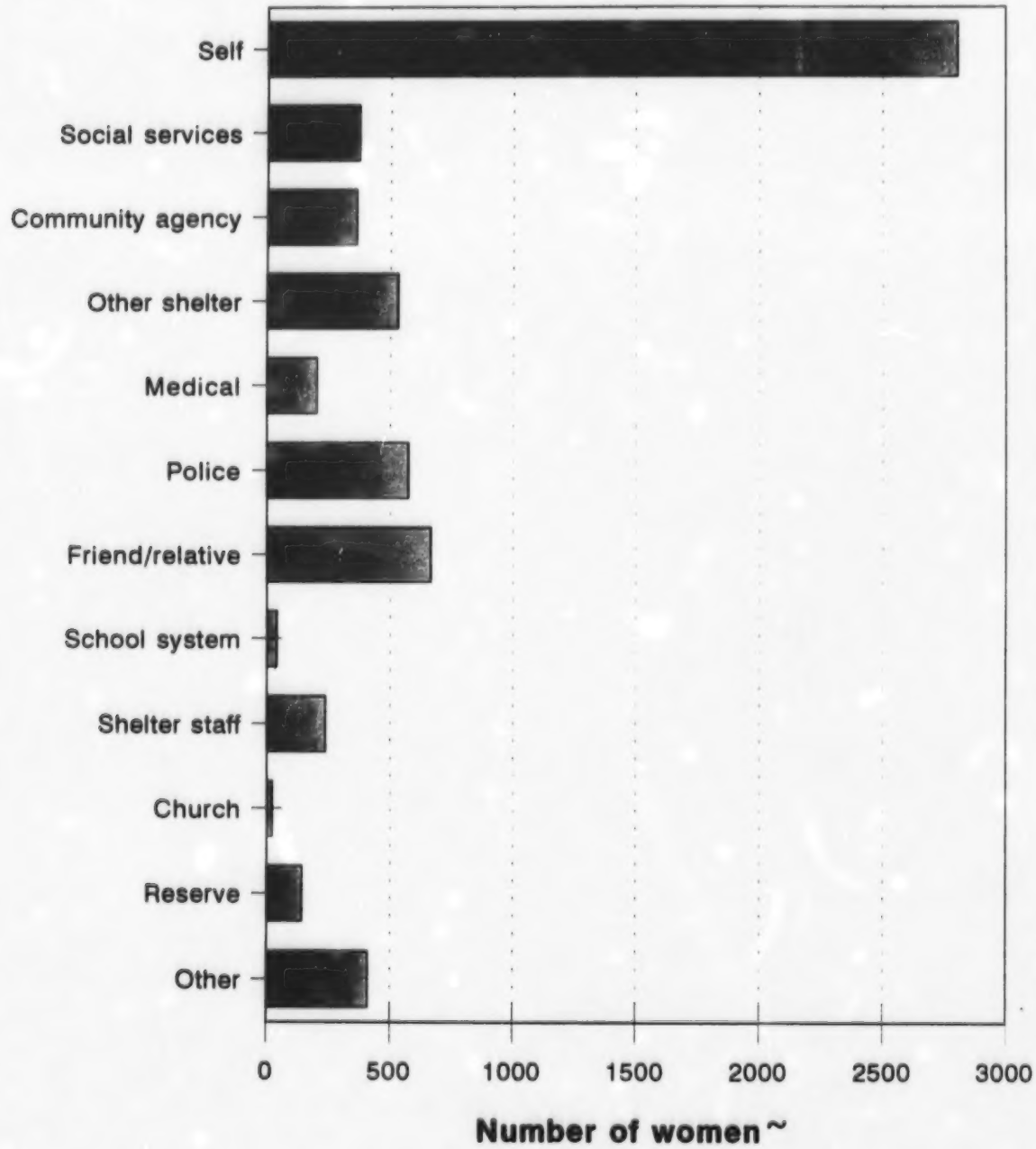
Referral Source*



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PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Marital status

Total admitted clients: 5212

Frequencies:

Response	Number	% Admit
Single	1147	22.0
Married	1216	23.3
Common-law/live-in	1967	37.7
Separated or living apart	628	12.0
Divorced	182	3.5
Widowed	34	0.7
Unknown	23	0.4
Total	5197	

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Where does woman live?

Total admitted clients: 5212

Frequencies:

Response	Number	% Admit
City	3071	58.9
Town	863	16.6
Village	116	2.2
Settlement	92	1.8
Reserve	851	16.3
Rural	149	2.9
Transient	59	1.1
Total	5201	

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Woman's home region.

Total admitted clients: 5212

Frequencies:

Response	Number	% Admit
Northwest	879	16.9
Northeast	752	14.4
Edmonton	1008	19.3
Central	582	11.2
Calgary	796	15.3
South	522	10.0
Saskatchewan	241	4.6
British Columbia	138	2.6
Other	274	5.3
Total	5192	

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Womens Home Regional Authority
at time of Admission

Total admitted clients: 5212

Frequencies:

Response	Number	% Admit
Regional Authority 01:	294	5.6
Regional Authority 02:	120	2.3
Regional Authority 03:	53	1.0
Regional Authority 04:	674	12.9
Regional Authority 05:	47	0.9
Regional Authority 06:	181	3.5
Regional Authority 07:	97	1.9
Regional Authority 08:	265	5.1
Regional Authority 09:	47	0.9
Regional Authority 10:	544	10.4
Regional Authority 11:	45	0.9
Regional Authority 12:	198	3.8
Regional Authority 13:	251	4.8
Regional Authority 14:	67	1.3
Regional Authority 15:	77	1.5
Regional Authority 16:	210	4.0
Regional Authority 17:	118	2.3
Regional Authority 18:	123	2.4
Total	3411	

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Regional Authority where woman will be residing when leaving shelter - if in Alberta

Total admitted clients: 5212

Frequencies:

Response	Number	% Admit
Regional Authority 01:	225	4.3
Regional Authority 02:	102	2.0
Regional Authority 03:	55	1.1
Regional Authority 04:	639	12.3
Regional Authority 05:	28	0.5
Regional Authority 06:	172	3.3
Regional Authority 07:	78	1.5
Regional Authority 08:	220	4.2
Regional Authority 09:	37	0.7
Regional Authority 10:	579	11.1
Regional Authority 11:	34	0.7
Regional Authority 12:	154	3.0
Regional Authority 13:	201	3.9
Regional Authority 14:	58	1.1
Regional Authority 15:	49	0.9
Regional Authority 16:	168	3.2
Regional Authority 17:	102	2.0
Regional Authority 18:	60	1.2
Total	2961	

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Type of abuse reported by woman.
Note: client may report multiple abuse types.

Total admitted clients: 5212

Frequencies:

Response	Number
Physical abuse	3745
Sexual abuse	1498
Psychological abuse	4652
Abuse or threats of abuse to children	1628
Destruction of property or pets	2237
Financial abuse	2963
Total	16723

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PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Abused by.
Note: client may identify multiple abusers.

Total admitted clients: 5212

Frequencies:

Response	Number
Husband	1311
Ex-husband	208
Son	67
Daughter	44
Other relative	334
Live-in partner/common-law	1930
Ex-live-in/common-law	634
Boyfriend	270
Ex-boyfriend	157
Mother	300
Father	226
In-law(s)	197
Other	470
Total	6148

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Abused By

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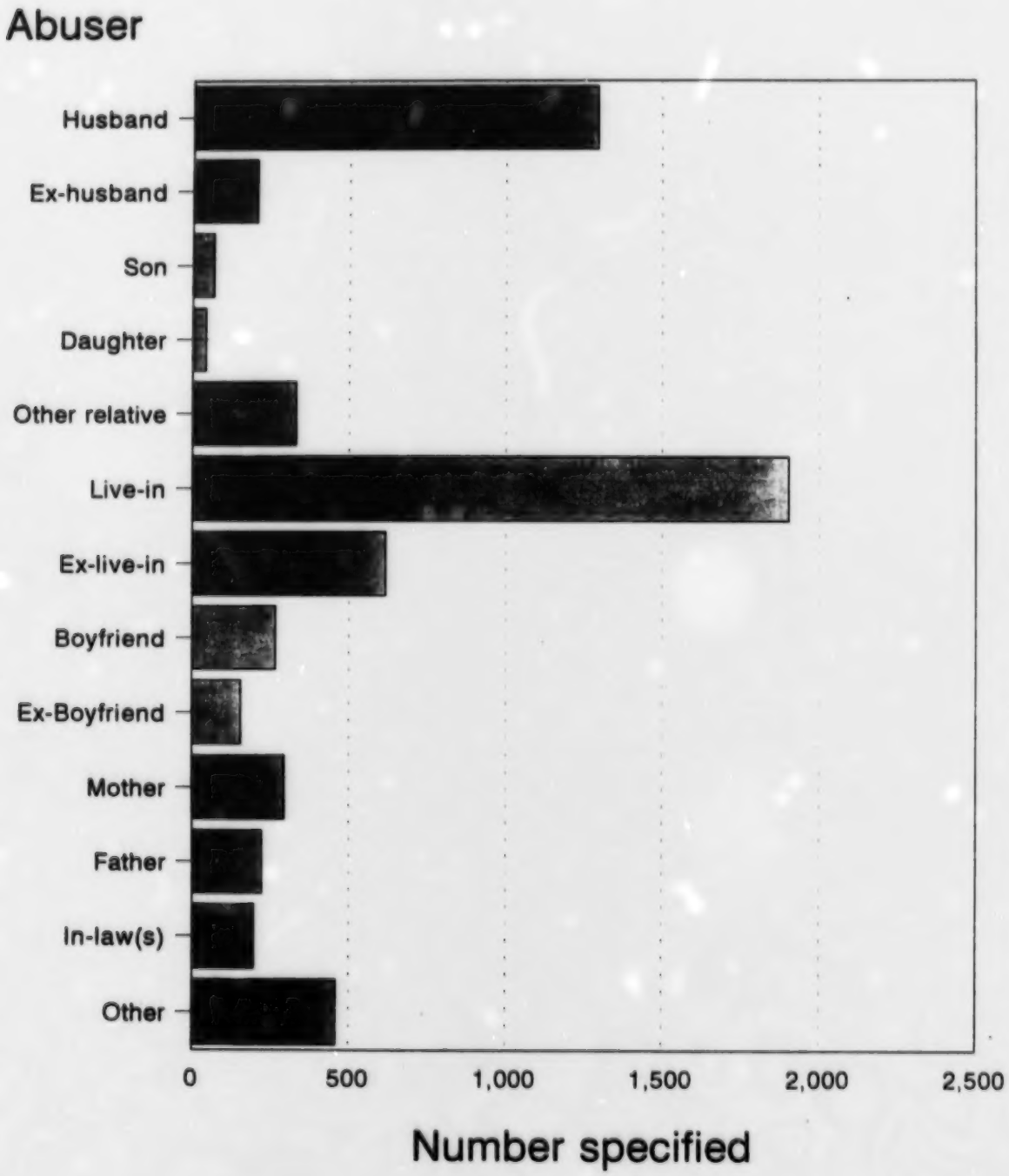

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Case of Abuse by Relationship of Abuser

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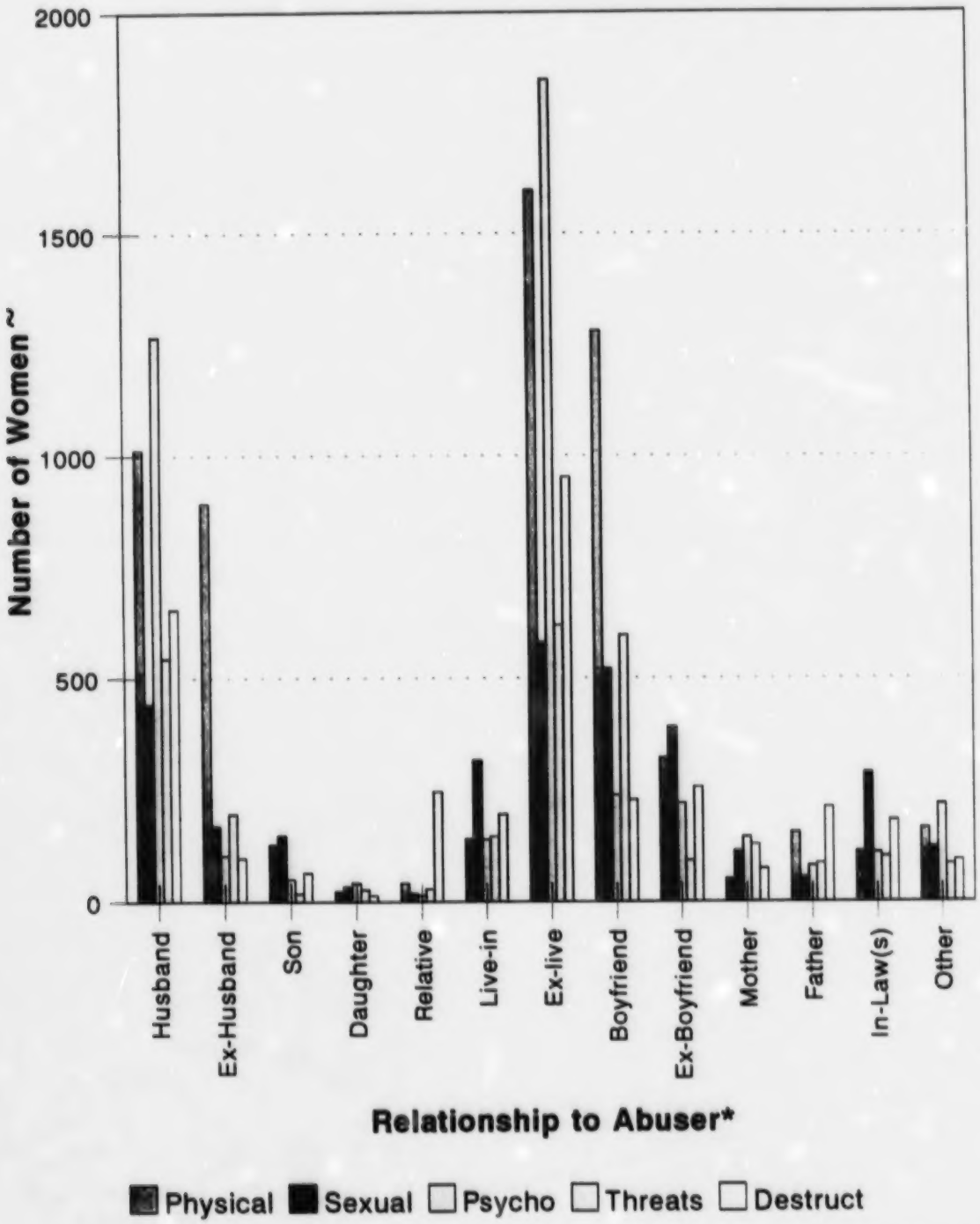

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PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Services provided to the woman (and children).
Note: multiple services may be provided to the client.

Total admitted clients: 5212

Frequencies:

Response	Number
VON/Other Nursing Service	1267
Information	4917
Emotional support/Crisis counselling	4783
Life Skills Training	305
Individual case advocacy	1753
Parenting/child management	1124
Women's group	2400
Children's group	639
Child care	1593
Transportation	2867
Interpreter	74
In-house teacher	420
Donations	4009
Other	161
Referral	7600
Child support services	1737
Total	35649

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PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Services required but not available.
Note: multiple services may be required but not available.

Total admitted clients: 5212

Frequencies:

Response	Number
VON/Other Nursing Service	45
Information	3
Emotional support/Crisis counselling	3
Life Skills Training	102
Individual case advocacy	5
Parenting/Child management	25
Women's group	49
Children's group	38
Child care	20
Transportation	20
Interpreter	5
In-house teacher	22
Donations	3
Other	4
Referral	4
Child support services	21
Total	369

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE

Services Provided

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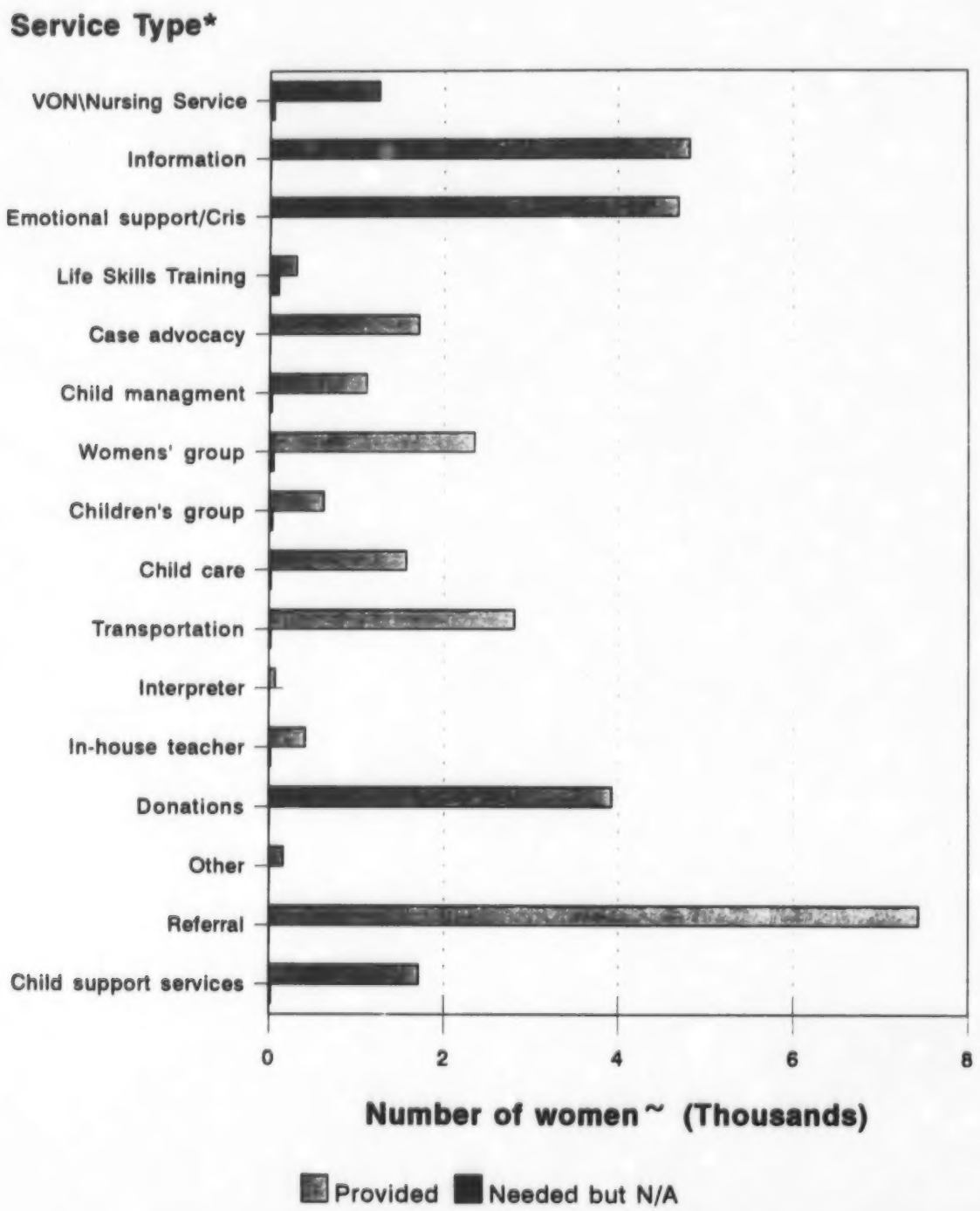

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PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Current use of other Alberta Family and Social Services Programmes

Total admitted clients: 5212

Frequencies:

Response	Number
Day Care Subsidy	127
Handicapped Childrens Services	43
Early Intervention Program	74
Supports for Independence	1181
Other	281
Total	1706

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Use of Other AFSS Programmes
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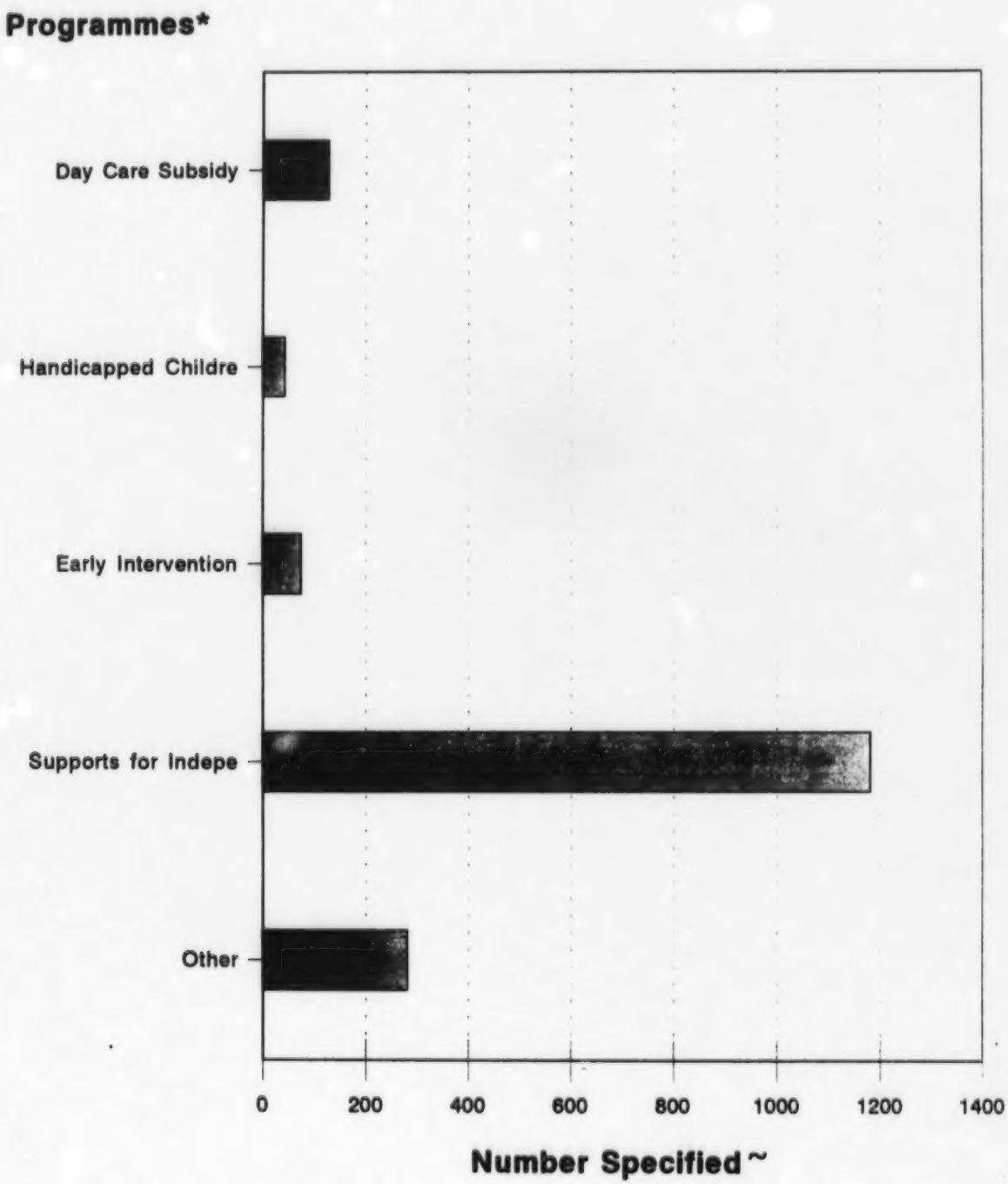

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PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Type of police intervention requested within last 6 months.
Note: client may identify multiple intervention types.

Total admitted clients: 5212

Frequencies:

Response	Number
Mediated dispute only	439
Informed woman of assistance	944
Assisted woman to leave home	707
Transported/arranged transportation to shelter	512
Advised woman to lay charges	565
Assault charges laid	509
Arrested batterer	466
Referred other services	412
Enforce restraining order/peace bond	217
Advised woman not to charge	42
Did not respond	96
Asked if she wanted charges laid	387
Other	553
Total	5849

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE

Types of Police Intervention

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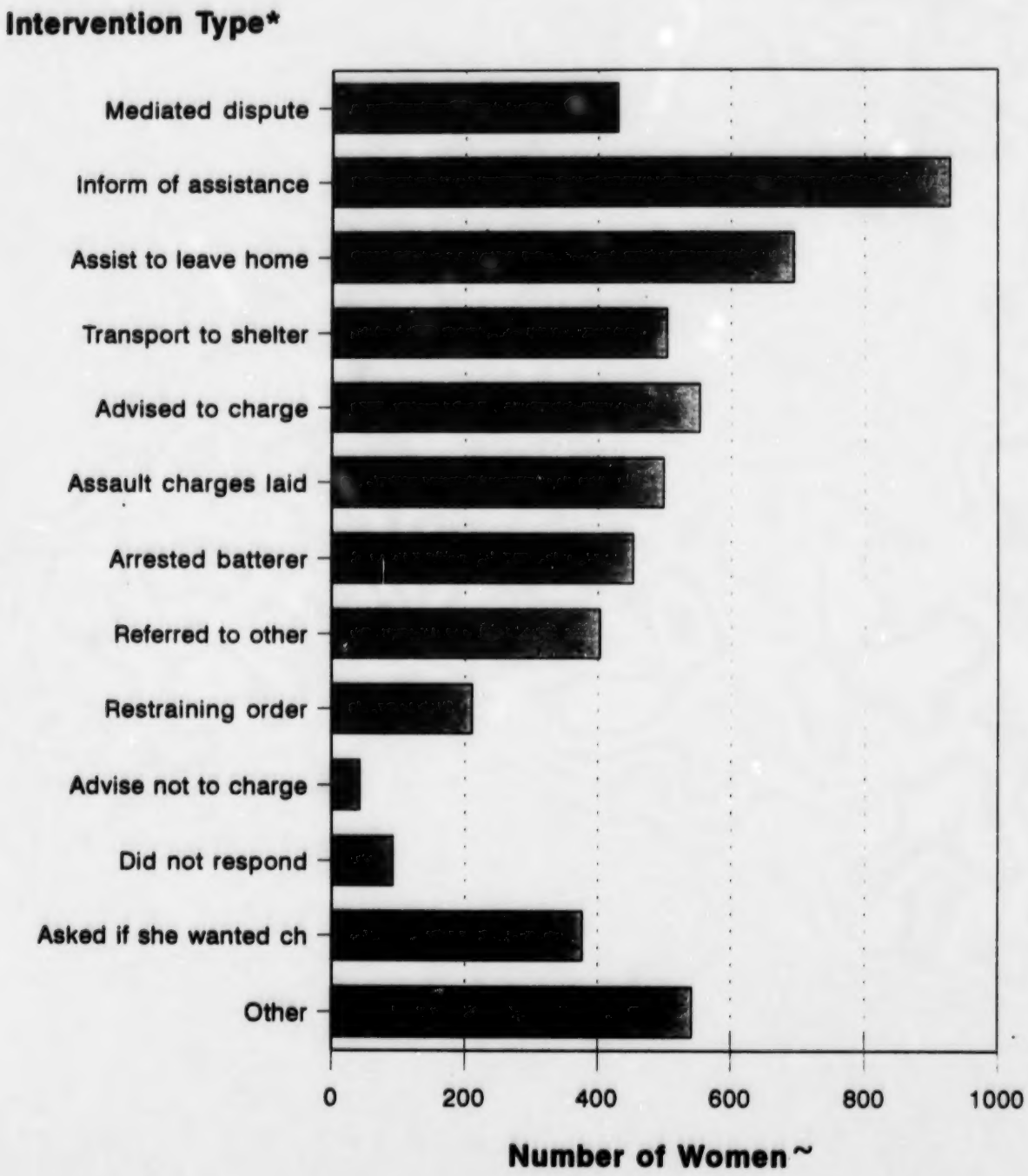

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PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Transportation to shelter.

Total admitted clients: 5212

Frequencies:

Response	Number	% Admit
Self	1925	36.9
Shelter	1297	24.9
Police	512	9.8
Other	1444	27.7
Total	5178	

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Transportation to shelter

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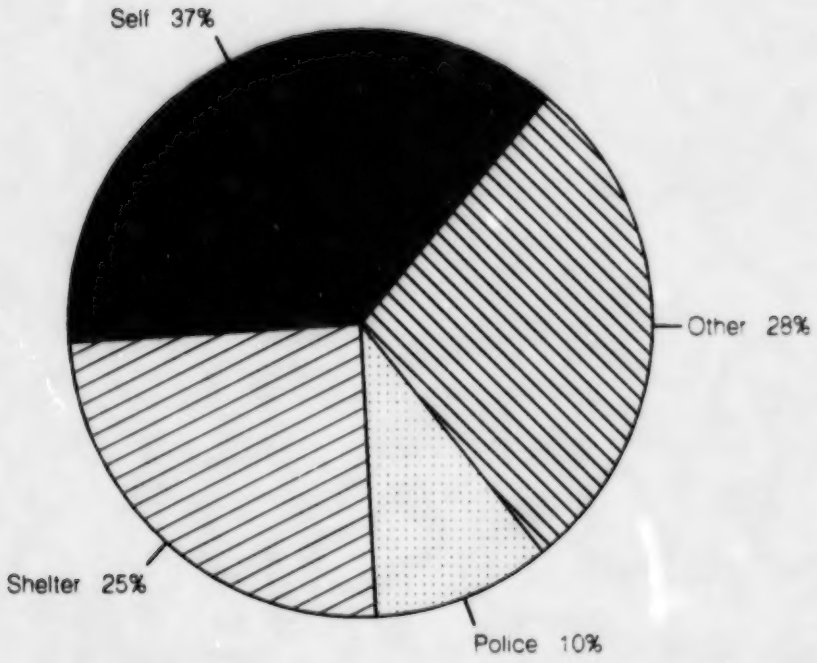

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PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Woman referred to:
Note: client may be given multiple referrals.

Total admitted clients: 5212

Frequencies:

Response	Number
Police	1010
Child Welfare	690
Social Allowance	1763
Legal services	1253
Medical services	1406
Other accommodation	1112
Employment counselling	271
Education counselling	266
Mental health services	598
Drug/Alcohol counselling	555
Alberta Housing/low income housing	1307
Counselling groups for men	164
Counselling groups for women	1403
Individual counselling for men	160
Individual counselling for women	1509
Family counselling services	488
Indian Affairs	175
Native counselling	360
Sexual Assault Centre	193
Food Bank	296
Interpreter services	40
Clergy	113
Second stage housing	367
Other shelter	596
Other community agency	1100
Emergency Social Services	451
Total	17646

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Woman referred to (needed but not accessible)
Note: client may be given multiple referrals.

Total admitted clients: 5212

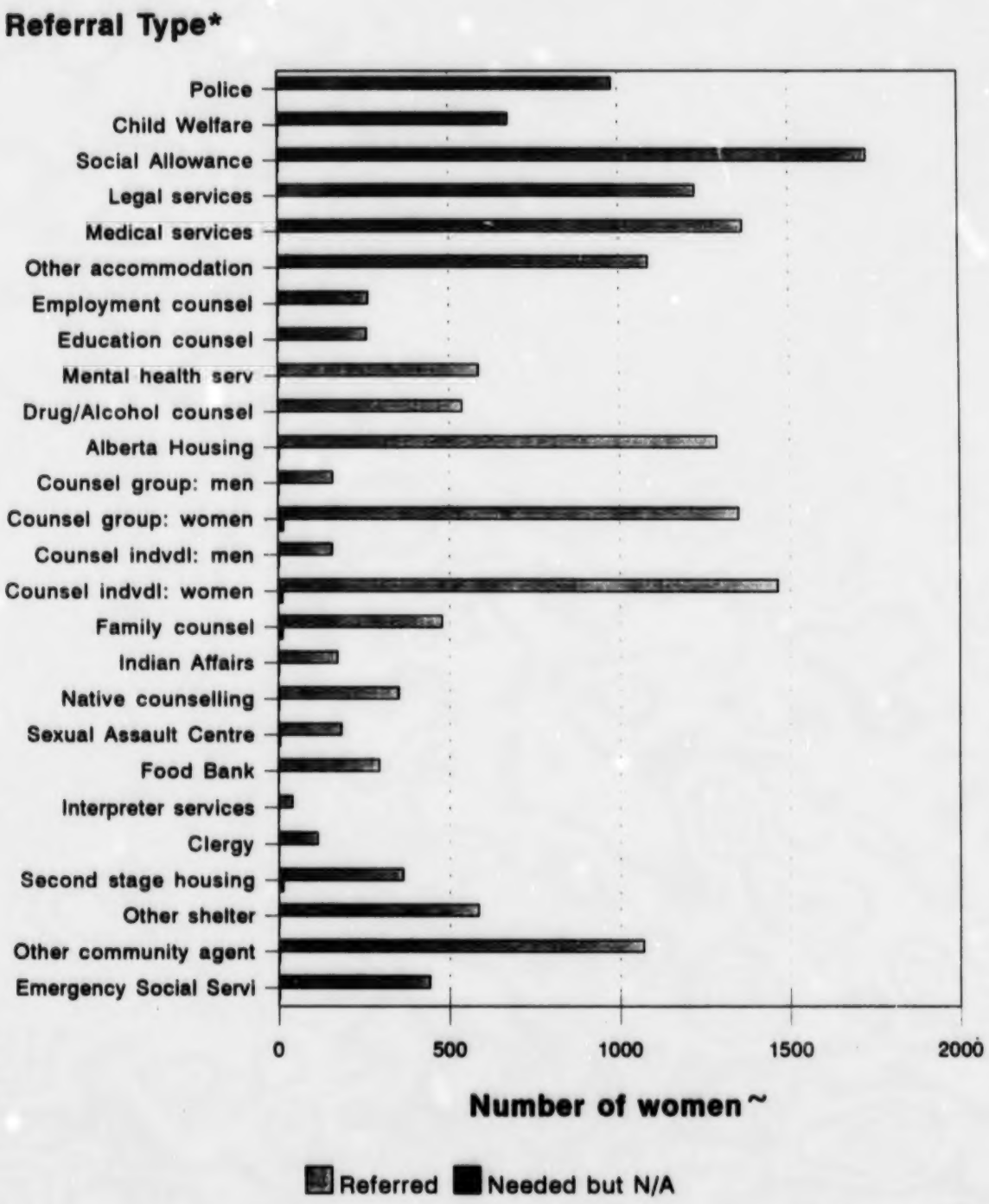
Frequencies:

Response	Number
Police	0
Child Welfare	2
Social Allowance	2
Legal services	1
Medical services	2
Other accommodation	2
Employment counselling	2
Education counselling	1
Mental health services	2
Drug/Alcohol counselling	1
Alberta Housing/low income housing	4
Counselling groups for men	3
Counselling groups for women	15
Individual counselling for men	2
Individual counselling for women	13
Family counselling services	12
Indian Affairs	2
Native counselling	2
Sexual Assault Centre	5
Food Bank	1
Interpreter services	1
Clergy	1
Second stage housing	13
Other shelter	1
Other community agency	2
Emergency Social Services	2
Total	94

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE

Woman Referred To

1 Jan 1997 to 31 Dec 1997



~ For residential women.

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Number of bednights spent at shelter by client & dependent.

Average: 12

Range: 1 to 286

Total admitted clients: 5212

Frequencies:

Response	Number
1 to 3 Bednights	3851
4 to 7 Bednights	2248
8 to 14 Bednights	2066
15 to 21 Bednights	1752
22 and above	1527

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Departure status.

Total admitted clients: 5212

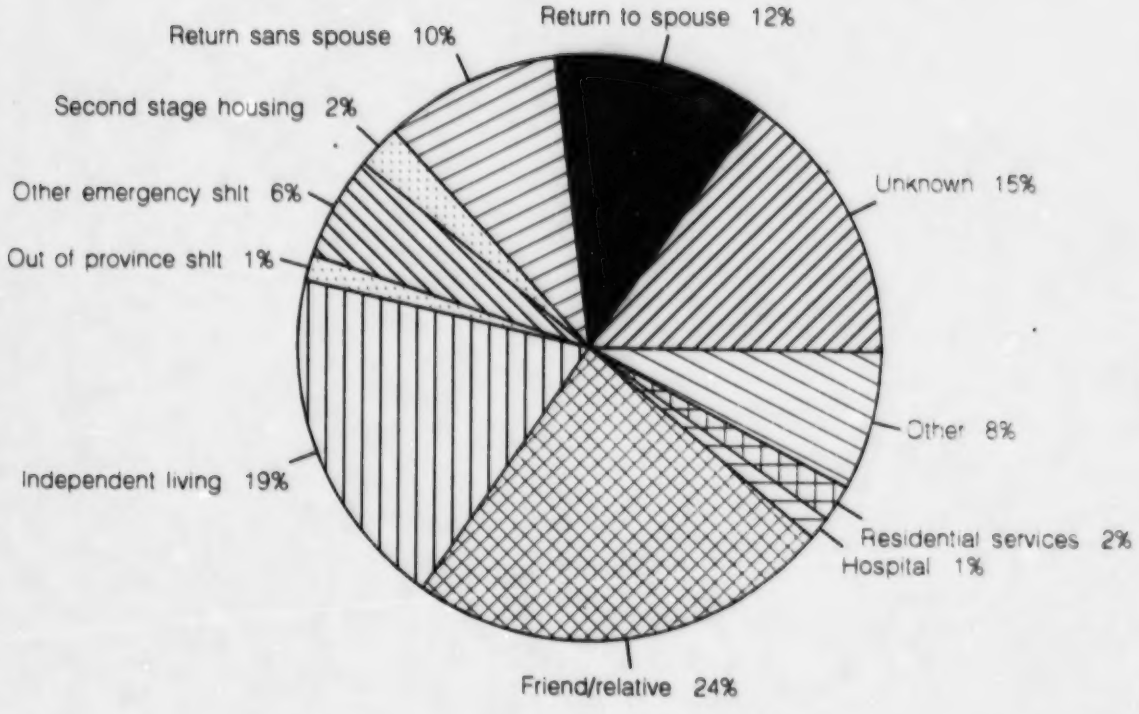
Frequencies:

Response	Number	% Admit
Return to spouse	602	11.6
Return home without spouse	498	9.6
Second stage housing	123	2.4
Another emergency shelter in Alberta	295	5.7
Out of province shelter	77	1.5
Independent living	974	18.7
Living with friend/relatives	1212	23.3
Hospital	66	1.3
Residential services	104	2.0
Other	419	8.0
Unknown	792	15.2
Total	5162	

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE

Departure Status

1 Jan 1997 to 31 Dec 1997



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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Age of admitted children.

Average: 6

Range: 0 to 37

Total admitted dependents: 6232

Frequencies:

Response	Number
> OR = 18 years	15
15 to 17 years	231
13 to 14 years	320
10 to 12 years	719
5 to 9 years	2012
1 to 4 years	2281
1 to 11 months	654

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Dependent summary.

Total admitted dependents: 6232

Frequencies:

Response		Number
Dependents admitted with mom:	>= 18 years	15
	15 to 17 years	220
	13 to 14 years	311
	10 to 12 years	711
	5 to 9 years	1963
	1 to 4 years	2228
	1 to 11 months	635
Dependents admitted after mom:	>= 18 years	0
	15 to 17 years	11
	13 to 14 years	9
	10 to 12 years	8
	5 to 9 years	49
	1 to 4 years	53
	1 to 11 months	19
Dependents not admitted:	>= 18 years	51
	15 to 17 years	467
	13 to 14 years	373
	10 to 12 years	610
	5 to 9 years	1091
	1 to 4 years	751
	1 to 11 months	135
Total		9710

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Dependent's school status at time of admission.

Total admitted dependents: 6232

Frequencies:

Response	Number	% Admit
Day care or not of school age	2689	43.1
Kindergarten	449	7.2
Regular school (public/separate)	2636	42.3
Special education (remedial, behavioral class)	76	1.2
Other (eg. private school)	33	0.5
Does not attend	324	5.2
Total	6207	

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Primary child welfare status at time of admission.

Total admitted dependents: 6232

Frequencies:

Response	Number	% Admit
No Child Welfare status	4811	77.2
Child Welfare status	788	12.6
Investigation in progress	124	2.0
Unknown	484	7.8
Total	6207	

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE

Primary Child Welfare Status

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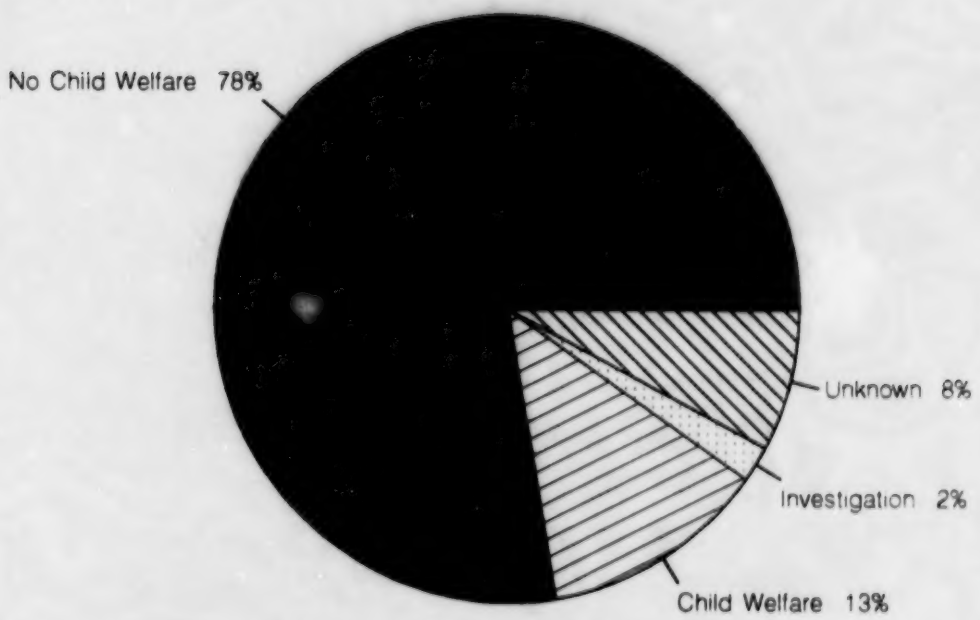

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PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE

Primary Child Welfare Status

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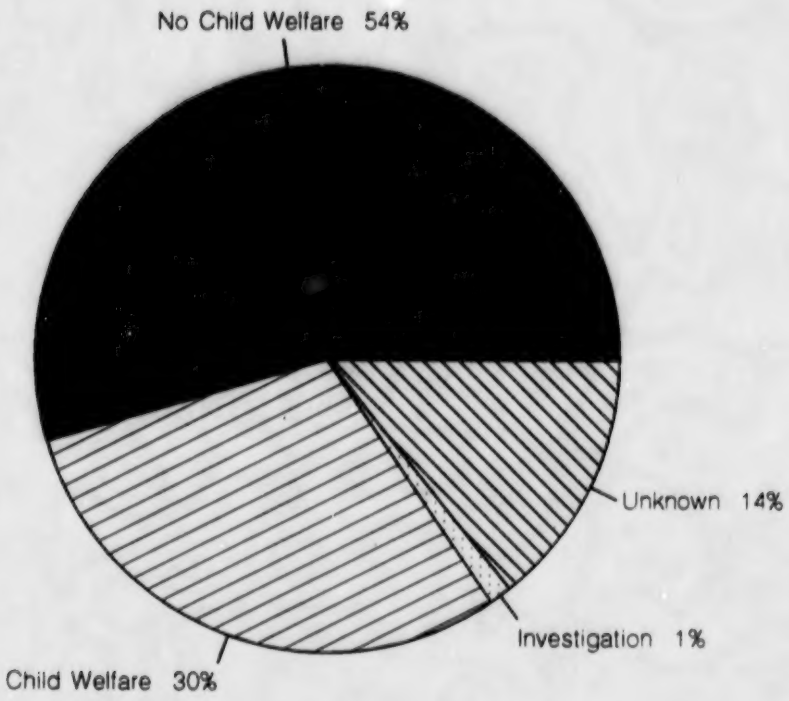

~For non-residential dependents.

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Child's current placement.

Total dependents: 9710

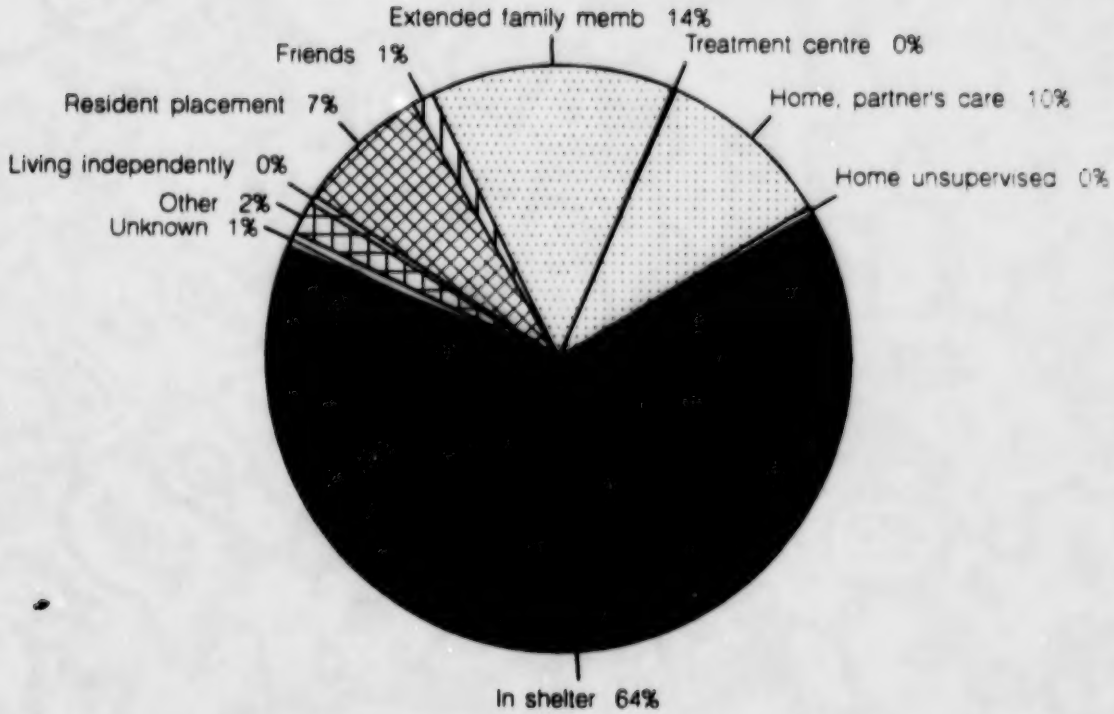
Frequencies:

Response	Number	% Resp
In Shelter	6232	64.2
At home unsupervised	43	0.4
At home, in partner's care	953	9.8
With extended family member	1312	13.5
With friends	114	1.2
Residential placement (eg. foster/receiving/group home)	714	7.4
Residential treatment centre	17	0.2
Living independently	47	0.5
Other	176	1.8
Unknown	80	0.8
Total	9710	

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE

Child's current placement

1 Jan 1997 to 31 Dec 1997



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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Is admitted child the woman's own by birth, by adoption, or by legal custody agreement?

Total admitted dependents: 6232

Frequencies:

Response	Number	% Admit
Yes	6079	97.5
No	117	1.9
Total	6196	

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Is child receiving non-residential support?

Total admitted dependents: 6232

Frequencies:

Response	Number	% Admit
Yes	472	7.6
No	4918	78.9
Total	5390	

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Child is referred by shelter to the following programs.
Note: dependent may be given multiple referrals.

Total admitted dependents: 6232

Frequencies:

Response	Number
No referral	3601
Child Welfare	815
Assessment Program	100
Community support programs	495
Alternative residential care	37
Drug/alcohol counselling	17
Sexual abuse counselling	62
Psychological/psychiatric counselling	229
Other	521
Total	5877

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Has child been abused?

Total admitted dependents: 6232

Frequencies:

Response	Number
Physically abused	1007
Sexually abused	242
Psychologically abused	4212
Neglected	863
Total	6324

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Method Of Contact:

Total non-residential contacts : 71332

Frequencies:

Response	Number
Telephone contact	47445
In-person contact	11442
Telephone follow-up by client	4801
Telephone follow-up by shelter	1934
In person follow-up by client	2299
In person follow-up by shelter	2620
No response	791

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Sex of Individual:

Total non-residential contacts : 71332

Frequencies:

Response	Number
Male	6199
Female	65133

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Age of Individual:

Total non-residential contacts : 71332

Frequencies:

Response	Number
Child	1866
Teen	1502
Adult	65193
Elder	1378
Unknown	1075
No response	318

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Purpose of Contact:

Total non-residential contacts : 71332

Frequencies:

Response	Yes	No	No Resp
Emotional Support	47801	19883	3648
Referrals	37702	29676	3954
Information	58881	9549	2902
Crisis intervention	31797	36581	2954
Battered	36464	28823	6045
Third party inquiry	21915	44837	4580
Other	10629	54272	6431

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**********[STATISTICAL SUMMARY]**********

PROVINCIAL TOTAL - SHELTER & SATELLITE
01/01/1997 to 31/12/1997

Question: Result of Contact:

Total non-residential contacts : 71332

Frequencies:

Response	Yes	No	No Resp
Telephone/in-person contact completed	69219	1957	156
In need of accomodation/accepted	6067	58715	6550
In need of accomod/accept in another shelter	1554	62927	6851
In need of accomodation/shelter full	12889	54678	3765
In need of accomod/refer to Social Services	3941	60891	6500
Not accomodated, inappropriate	4537	59419	7376
Other	10204	52700	8428